

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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MAIL STOP RCE
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
 provides for continued examination of an utility or
 plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/780,672
Confirmation Number	1994
Filing Date	February 19, 2004
First Named Inventor	Yoshihito KATO
Group Art Unit	2635
Examiner Name	Shimizu Matsuichiro
Matter Number	Q79812

Title	LOCKING DEVICE, LOCKER, KEY AND LOCKING METHOD
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
 March 24, 2006 and
 Supplemental Amendment
 previously filed on filed May 30, 2006
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

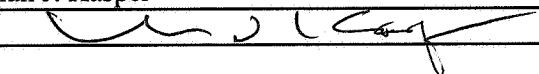
The statutory fee of \$790.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below:

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23373
 CUSTOMER NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name <u>Alan J. Kasper</u>	Registration No. <u>25,426</u>
Signature 	Date <u>June 27, 2006</u>